



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2623"

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FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION :  
APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION  
METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,  
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A  
COMPUTER PRODUCT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 33 of this paper.